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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 3997

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SUBJECT/ SECRETARY'S PROPOSAL FOR AN ENERGY ACTION GROUP

SECTO 96

FOR AMBASSADOR OR CHARGE FROM THE SECRETARY

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF A MESSAGE TO THE JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER
AND ALL NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS WHICH YOU SHOULD DELIVER AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.

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2. BEGIN TEXT:

LAST EVENING DURING A SPEECH IN LONDON THE SECRETARY OF STATE MADE A PROPOSAL THAT THE "NATIONS OF EUROPE, NORTH AMERICAN AND JAPAN ESTABLISH AN ENERGY ACTION GROUP OF SENIOR AND PRESTIGIOUS INDIVIDUALS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING A COLLABORATIVE ENERGY PROGRAM. AS THE SECRETARY INDICATED IN THAT SPEECH, THE ENERGY CRISIS AFFECTS US ALL, AND CAN BE MOST EFFECTIVELY COPEDED WITH IF WE ALL WORK TOGETHER TOWARD ITS RESOLUTION.

THE USG WOULD BE INTERESTED TO LEARN THE REACTIONS OF YOUR GOVT TO THE PROPOSAL, INCLUDING SUGGESTIONS ON HOW, IF YOUR GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THE PROPOSAL HAS MERIT, WE MIGHT NOW PROCEED TOWARD ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

THE FULL TEXT OF THAT PART OF THE SPEECH DEALING WITH THE ENERGY ACTION GROUP IS ATTACHED. END TEXT

3. FOR LONDON, BONN, PARIS, AND TOKYO: YOU SHOULD MODIFY THE ABOVE LETTER AS NECESSARY TO TAKE ACTION OF THE FACT THAT WE NOTIFIED THEM OF THE PROPOSAL IN ADVANCE.

4. PORTION OF SPEECH TEXT ON THE ENERGY ACTION GROUP FOLLOWS:

QUOTE THE ONLY LONG-TERM SOLUTION IS A MASSIVE EFFORT TO PROVIDE PRODUCERS AN INCENTIVE TO INCREASE THEIR SUPPLY TO ENCOURAGE CONSUMERS TO USE EXISTING SUPPLIES MORE RATIONALLY AND TO DEVELOP ALTERNATE ENERGY SOURCES.

THIS IS A CHALLENGE WHICH THE UNITED STATES COULD SOLVE ALONE WITH GREAT DIFFICULTY AND THAT EUROPE CANNOT SOLVE IN ISOLATION AT ALL. WE STRONGLY PREFER AND EUROPE REQUIRES A COMMON ENTERPRISE.

TO THIS END, THE UNITED STATES PROPOSES THAT THE NATIONS OF EUROPE, NORTH AMERICAN AND JAPAN ESTABLISH AN ENERGY ACTION GROUP OF SENIOR AND PRESTIGIOUS INDIVIDUALS WITH A MANDATE TO DEVELOP WITHIN THREE MONTHS AN INITIAL ACTION PROGRAM FOR COLLABORATION IN ALL AREAS OF THE ENERGY PROBLEM. WE WOULD LEAVE IT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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NINE WHETHER THEY PREFER TO PARTICIPATE AS THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

THE GROUP WOULD HAVE AS ITS GOAL THE ASSURANCE OF REQUIRED ENERGY SUPPLIES AT REASONABLE COST. IT WOULD DEFINE BROAD PRINCIPLES OF COOPERATION, AND IT WOULD INSTITUTE ACTION IN SPECIFIC AREAS
-- TO CONSERVE ENERGY THROUGH MORE RATIONAL

UTILIZATION OF EXISTING SUPPLIES

- TO ENCOURAGE THE DISCOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT OF
NEW SOURCES OF ENERGY
- TO GIVE PRODUCERS AN INCENTIVE TO INCREASE
SUPPLY.
- TO COORDINATE AN INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM OF RESEARCH
TO DEVELOP NEW TECHNOLOGIES THAT USE ENERGY MORE
EFFICIENTLY AND PROVIDE ALTERNATIVES TO PETROLEUM.
THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE
OUR PARTICULAR SKILLS IN SUCH AREAS AS THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEEP SEA BED.

THE ENERGY ACTION GROUP SHOULD NOT BE AN EXCLUSIVE
ORGANIZATION OF CONSUMERS. THE PRODUCING NATIONS SHOULD
BE INVITED TO JOIN IT FROM THE VERY BEGINNING WITH RESPECT
TO ANY MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST. THE PROBLEM OF FINDING
ADEQUATE OPPORTUNITY FOR DEVELOPMENT, AND THE INVESTMENT
OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF ENERGY SOURCES WOULD APPEAR
TO BE A PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AREA FOR CONSUMER-PRODUCER
COOPERATION.

AS AN EXAMPLE OF A TASK FOR THE ENERGY ACTION GROUP, I
WOULD CITE THE FIELD OF ENRICHING URANIUM FOR USE IN
NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS. WE KNOW THAT OUR NEED FOR THIS RAW
MATERIAL WILL BE GREAT IN THE 1980'S WE KNOW THAT ELECTRICITY
UTILITIES WILL WISH TO ASSURE THEIR SUPPLY AT THE LEAST
POSSIBLE COST. WE KNOW THAT EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND JAPAN
WILL WISH TO HAVE THEIR OWN FACILITIES TO PRODUCE AT LEAST
PART OF THEIR NEEDS FOR ENRICHED URANIUM. SUCH PLANTS
REQUIRE HUGE CAPITAL INVESTMENT. WHAT COULD BE MORE
SENSIBLE THAN THAT WE PLAN TOGETHER TO ASSURE THAT SCARCE
RESOURCES ARE NOT WASTED BY NEEDLESS DUPLICATION?

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THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO MAKE A MAJOR
FINANCIAL AND INTELLECTUAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE OBJECTIVE
OF SOLVING THE ENERGY PROBLEM ON A COMMON BASIS. THERE IS
NO TECHNOLOGICAL PROBLEM THAT THE GREAT DEMOCRACIES DO NOT
HAVE THE CAPACITY TO SOLVE TOGETHER IF THEY CAN MUSTER
THE WILL AND THE IMAGINATION. END QUOTE
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